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SUBJECT: ELEVATION TARGET PROFILE DIPLOMAT

DEPARTMENT FOR AKERMAN, DIKEOS

1. FOLLOWING THE EXTRA LEGAL ARREST OF QUIETO, A MAJOR MONTONERO LEADER, THE EXECUTIVE WATCH COMMITTEE HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE DANGER TO EMBASSY EMPLOYEES IS HIGHER NOW THAN IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. FURTHER, THAT THIS INTENSE THREAT WILL BE TEMPORARY, ESTIMATED TO LAST NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

2. NATURE OF THREAT IS UNKNOWN BUT COMMITTEE ASSUMES THAT THE MONTONEROS WOULD AT LEAST ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP SOMEONE OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE TO FORCE QUIETO'S RELEASE.

3. THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY (2 TO 3 WEEKS) ACTIONS HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED AND ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY.

A. ALL AMERICANS ARE TO DRASTICALLY CHANGE THEIR DAILY ROUTINES.

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THIS INCLUDES VARYING ARRIVAL AT WORK BY AS MUCH AS FOUR HOURS.

B. WHEN POSSIBLE, AMERICANS ARE TO DO THEIR WORK IN THEIR HOMES. THIS SHOULD ALLOW HALF-DAYS IN OFFICE OR EVEN ALTERNATE DATES OF NON-COMMUTING.

C. NON-ESSENTIAL WORK SHOULD BE DELAYED SO EMPLOYEES CAN STAY IN THEIR HOMES.

D. THREE EXTRA PATROL/ESCORT CARS WITH GUARDS ARE BEING PLACED TO PROVIDE FOLLOW-CARS AND ESCORT SERVICE. TWO WILL BE PLACED IN SUBURBAN AREA AND ONE IN FEDERAL DISTRICT. ALL EMPLOYEES WHO CAN WILL USE THESE VEHICLES TO EITHER FOLLOW THEIR VEHICLE FROM HOME TO MAJOR TRAFFIC FLOW AREA OR AS TRANSPORTATION FROM HOMES TO VARYING POINTS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

E. A SPECIAL CAR WITH ONE GUARD HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND CONSUL GENERAL. THESE OFFICERS, LIVE NEAR EACH OTHER AND WILL COORDINATE USE OF THE VEHICLE SO THEY MAY VARY THEIR ROUTINE.

F. BODYGUARDS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TWO MILGROUP AND ONE DAO OFFICER WHOSE FUNCTIONS PLACE THEM IN GREATER DANGER THAN OTHERS. ONE MILGP OFFICER BEING MOVED TO TEMPORARY QUARTERS.

G. ALL EMPLOYEES ARE INSTRUCTED TO CANCEL OR POSTPONE LARGE SOCIAL EVENTS.

H. COUNTRY TEAM MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 14TH WILL BE HELD AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

I. AMBASSADOR HILL'S SCHEDULE IS HELD TO A MINIMUM. HIS PLANS HAD ALREADY INVOLVED TRIP TO U.S. BEGINNING EVENING OF JANUARY 14 AND RETURNING JANUARY 24TH.

K. ALL EMPLOYEES WHO CAN ARE URGED TO ADVANCE VACATION PLANS TO HAVE THEM OUT OF CITY OR AT LEAST IN THEIR HOMES DURING THIS PERIOD.

L. EMPLOYEES ARE INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. WHILE COMMITTEE DOES NOT FEEL DEPENDENTS

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ARE PARTICULARLY THREATENED, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

N. ADMIN COUNSELOR IS TO ADVISE ALL AGENCIES ASAP THE TOTAL COST OF EXTRA PROCEDURES SO EACH AGENCY MAY ASK FOR FUNDING TO COVER OBLIGATIONS ALREADY COMMITTED.

N. AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, THE MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE MISSION

WILL NOT WEAR UNIFORMS.

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